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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

MEMORANDUM FOR PROCIB

SUBJECT: Annual Meeting of Association for Asian Studies

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1. The attached report by [REDACTED] of the CIA Library summarizes the discussions at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, held in New York, 11-13 April 1960, dealing with acquisition of Far Eastern Source materials.

2. While the consideration in this paper is from the academic point of view, the problems of availability, especially for multiple copies, are similar to those of the Intelligence Community. Significant exceptions have been pointed out by [REDACTED]

3. We are all aware of the problems involved in maintaining resources-in-depth, and the value of having them available when needed. The possible desirability of providing encouragement and assistance to collection through the Library of Congress, as proposed in paragraph 1.a., will be discussed at the next meeting of PROCIB.



Acting Secretary

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES

SHERATON-ATLANTIC HOTEL, NEW YORK, 11-13 APRIL 1960

1. Meeting of Interest to Various Acquisitions Programs

Committee on American Library Resources on the Far East (CALRFE)

Chairman: Mr. G. Raymond Nunn, University of Michigan

Participating institutions: California, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Michigan, Princeton, Washington, Yale, Library of Congress, National Science Foundation, and ICD/FP, Department of State.

Place of meeting: East Asiatic Library, Columbia University.

a. Chinese People's Government Export Ban on Publications

The export ban has seriously affected the acquisition of Chinese mainland publications by U. S. academic institutions. Academic research on Communist China has been dealt a severe blow through the lack of source materials. Newspaper receipts have been reduced to one or two titles, and journals to a handful of titles usually available in the Western World.

To overcome this situation, the following steps were proposed by the Chairman and agreed to by the members present:

(I) 1960 International Conference of Sinologists in Moscow

Approximately 30 U. S. sinologists are planning to attend this meeting to be held this fall in Moscow. It was proposed that each U. S. scholar attempt to seek out his Chinese Communist counterpart, and present the plight of U. S. academic research vis-avis the export ban. Chinese Communist Scholars will in turn be requested to utilize their influence in relaxing this export ban in the interests of academic research.

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(2) Eastern Europe as Alternate Source

Several members of the Committee proposed that, in view of the availability of certain Chinese mainland publications in Moscow, Prague and Warsaw, the Committee should consider sending its representatives to these countries to attempt procurement of titles of interest.

Comments: A considerable number of Chinese mainland serial titles are currently being acquired by ICD/FP from Moscow and Prague. Warsaw has ceased to be a productive source for Chinese mainland publications. Subscriptions to these serials are placed with State Publishing Houses in Moscow and Prague through the PO's at these posts. Subscriptions are offered to everyone including foreign diplomatic missions, and the procurement of publications through these posts is not a classified operation. The American sinologists visiting Moscow and Prague will discover that the PO's at these posts have been regularly forwarding to Washington a considerable number of Chinese mainland publications.

It is therefore suggested that all titles currently being received in ICD/FP from Moscow and Prague be microfilmed and negatives made available to the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress in turn can announce to the academic world that a certain number of Chinese mainland publications are available to it. This announcement should be made to the U.S. sinologists well ahead of their departure to Moscow and elsewhere.

b. Exchange Relationships with Communist China

(1) Some banned periodicals are being received by Chicago and Harvard Universities. All participating university libraries will report their current receipts to Mr. G. Raymond Nunn, Chairman of the Committee at Michigan. Mr. Nunn will in turn issue a consolidated listing for the benefit of participating libraries.

(2) University of Chicago was offered a complete set of Science Abstracts of China series, by the Academia Sinica, in exchange for a number of its journals. This exchange offer has been accepted by Chicago.

Comments: The Chicago exchange gives the Branch another source for this important item.

The present source is the American Chemical Society.

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(3) A number of U. S. universities are currently being queried by the Scientific Information Center, Academia Sinica, Peiping as to their interest in negotiating exchange agreements with Center. All negotiations, including materials proposed for exchange, will be reported to Chairman Nunn for coordination. All effort will be made to avoid unnecessary duplication in the exchange of materials.

Comments: The Chief, Acquisitions Branch maintains a very close, cordial relationship with the Chairman of the Committee. Information concerned with the development of these exchange arrangements will be obtained through this channel.

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Comments:

1. Hoover's holdings will be indicated in the 2nd edition of the Berton Guide (see below).
2. OO/C is being requested to obtain a listing of Hoover's current serial holdings.

d. Berton Guide - The Control of Sources for the Study of Contemporary China - A Preliminary Bibliographic Study, submitted to the Conference on Studies of Contemporary China, Gould House, Bobbs Ferry, N.Y., June 19-21, 1959.

This bibliography was prepared by Drs. Peter A. Berton, Chun-tu Hsueh, Tamotsu Takase and Eugene Wu, and is to be revised under the direction of Dr. Peter A. Berton and associates in the near future. The revised edition will include a section on technology. This section will be prepared by Mr. Kay Kitagawa of the National Science Foundation.

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Comments: 1. The Acquisitions Branch has a copy of the Berton Guide, first edition.

2. Mr. Kitagawa will keep the Branch posted on the progress in compiling the 2nd edition.

e. Joint Committee on Contemporary China (JCCC)

JCCC will purchase from the Union Research Institute, Hong Kong all of its clippings and index on microfilm at a cost of U.S. \$25,000. The microfilm will be deposited in the Mid-West Inter-Library-Loan Center. This purchase was made possible through a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Comments: Above information passed on to Reference Branch, FDD, SRS/DDI, DDP, and INR/State.

f. Early Chinese Communist Materials on Film

Early Chinese Communist materials on film are available in the East Asiatic Library, University of Washington. These are microfilm of Chinese Communist documents captured by the Chinese Nationalist Army prior to 1949.

g. Chinese Communist National Bibliography

All 1959 issues of this important bibliography are available in the University of Chicago Library. Harvard-Yenching Library has 1959 issues, up to and including October 1959.

On the basis of their receipts during 1959, representatives of Chicago and Harvard feel that changes are good for their continued receipt during 1960.

Comments: The Branch has issues Nos. 1 through 8, dated January-March, 1959. OO/C is being requested to acquire microfilm copies of all issues from April 1959 to date.

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h. Committee's Microfilm Camera

The Committee has decided to place its microfilm camera in the National Library of Taipei. The camera will be taken to Taipei by Dr. Eugene Wu, Hoover Library, who will be leaving on an acquisitions mission to the Far East this fall.

i. Microfilming of Korean Diplomatic Documents

The microfilming of Republic of Korea diplomatic documents in Seoul has been completely stopped due to the obstructive action of the South Korean Government. The reason for this harassment is not known to the Committee.

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k. Farmington Plan for the Far East

It was the Committee's view that if the collective strength of Chinese mainland publications in collections at California, Chicago, Columbia, Harvard, Hoover, Library of Congress, Princeton, Yale and Washington is adequate for the needs of retrospective research, this is evidence that their acquisition programs are effective and there is no need for the formation of a Farmington Plan for the Far East. The 2nd edition of the Berton Guide should provide clues in assessing this question.

2. Items of General Interest

a. In view of the great scarcity of Chinese mainland publications, the following loan policies are in effect at the universities indicated:

1. Harvard-Yenching

Tight controls are placed over the use of Chinese mainland publications. No one, including full professors, is allowed to take such publications to his

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office or home for study purposes. These publications must be consulted in the reading rooms.

2. California

Mainland journals are loaned to other universities only.

3. Hoover Library

Microfilm and bound volumes are not loaned. All other Chinese publications are available on inter-library loan.

4. Chicago

Inter-library loan is considered on an individual basis. Scholars must use them in the reading room.

5. Washington

No restrictions. Inter-library loan requests are honored.

6. Columbia, Princeton, Yale

No restrictions.

b. JPRS Products on Mainland of China

Under a Ford Foundation grant, participating institutions will be able to subscribe to all JPRS products on the Mainland of China. Under this arrangement, universities must take all translations, regardless of subject coverage.

c. External Research Staff, Department of State

Five staff members of the External Research Staff, State covered the important sessions of interest to it. Copies and/or summaries of papers given at these sessions are available from RFB/XR/State.

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